GRANDPIX2



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Technical Supplement

GRAND PRIX 2 TECHNICAL SUPPLEMENT

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

For IBM PC 486 (66MHz minimum) DX4 (recommended), Pentium and 100%

Required

- 8 Mb RAM (or 16Mb RAM if running under Windows™ 95)
- Double-speed CD-ROM Drive
- VGA or Super VGA Graphies (VESA required for SVGA)
- MS-DOS 5.0 or higher (also runs under WindowsTM 95 with 16 Mb RAM)
- 15 Mb Free Hard Drive Space (minimum install 9 Mb; standard install 46 Mb; Optimal install 58 Mb)
- · Microsoft Mouse

Recommended

Joystick

Supported

- · Modem Play
- Serial Link Play
- Sound Blaster (or 100% Compatible), Gravis UltraSound and ProAudio Spectrum soundcards
- Wheel
- Pedals

INSTALLING GRAND PRIX 2 FROM MS-DOS

An installation program is included on the Grand Prix 2 CD.

- Insert the CD into your CD drive and designate that drive - usually by typing "D: [Return]".
- When the new prompt appears, type, "INSTALL [Return]".
- · Please follow all on-screen prompts.

Unless you specify otherwise, *Grand Prix 2* will be installed in a directory named C:\GP2.

LOADING GRAND PRIX 2 FROM MS-DOS

- Switch on your machine and wait until the the C:\> prompt appears.
- Insert the Grand Prix 2 CD into the CD drive.
- Type, "CD GP2 [Return]", and then type, "GP2", to run the game.

Note: If you have installed *Grand Prix 2* to another directory, you must type, "CD {name of your directory}[Return]", and then type, "GP2 [Return]".

INSTALLING GRAND PRIX 2 FROM WINDOWS™ '95

 Insert the Grand Prix 2 CD into your CD drive. WindowsTM '95 will automatically take you into the installation routine. Simply follow the on-screen instructions.

After installation is complete you will notice a GP2 icon in the 'Start' menu.



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LOADING GRAND PRIX 2 FROM WINDOW5™ '95

 Select Grand Prix 2 in the MicroProse Program group.

The MicroProse Program group is accessed from 'Programs' which is found on the Start icon at the bottom left of the WindowsTM '95 desktop screen.

Grand Prix 2 will now run automatically.

KEY GUIDE

Camera Views

Right Cursor Key Cockpit View

Left Cursor Key Trackside Camera

View

PgUp Key Cycles through On-Car

Camera Views

PgDn Key Chase View

Delete Key Reverse Chase View

Up Arrow Move view forward into

cockpit of car ahead

Down Arrow Move view backward into cockpit of car

behind

Home Key Return view to cockpit

of your own car

Insert Key TV Director Mode

On/Off Toggle

Menu Keyboard Control

Spacebar Select
A Up
Z Down
< Left
> Right

In Race

Spacebar Selector
A Accelerate
Z Brake
< Steer Left
> Steer Right

F1 Auto Brakes F2 Auto Gears

F3 Self-Correcting Spin

F4 Indestructible F5 Ideal Line F6 Suggested Gear F7 Throttle Help

Enter Notify pit crew of your intention to enter the pits

Q Return to Pits (During

Qualifying and Practise Only)

Esc Exits to Qualifying 'Frozen'
Menu/Practise 'Frozen'
Menu/Race 'Frozen' Mcnu

P Pause

Spacebar (with

Joystick) Pause

N See Driver Name

See Processor Occupancy

R (after

pause) Replay

+/- Cycle through sound options

Alt / D Cycle through different levels

of trackside detail



GAME ENHANCEMENTS & AMENDMENTS

Manual Changes

Additional information

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Choose Modem

This allows you to select a modern from the list of tested moderns,

If your modem is not there, DON'T PANIC! The program will support most, if not all. Hayes compatible modems but this doesn't mean yours will not work. If you can find listed a modem by the same manufacturer then we recommend you try that first. If that fails, you will need to select CUSTOM from the manufacturer's list and then click on Modem Initialisation String and enter your own string.

Manual Amendments

Mouse Control (pages 7,17,19, 42)

Mouse Control driving functions have not been implemented,

Split Times & Gap

Measurement (page 27)

The in-race timed gap feature has been implemented, however it only occurs once you've crossed the start/finish line and does not happen at any of the intermediate timing points.

Stereo / Mono Toggle (page 21)

This feature has been removed from the final design

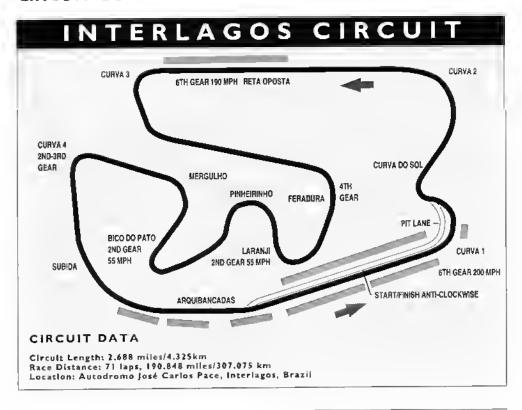
Appendix J (page 138)

1. Williams Ford (first entry on the chart) should read Williams Renault.

For all other enhancements and amendments to *Grand Prix 2* please consult the Readme file. You must install *Grand Prix 2* before you can access the Readme file.



CIRCUIT GUIDE



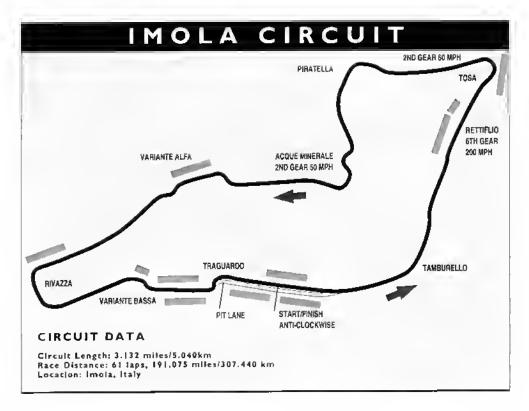
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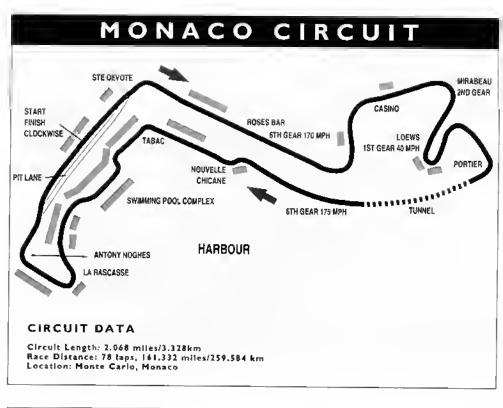
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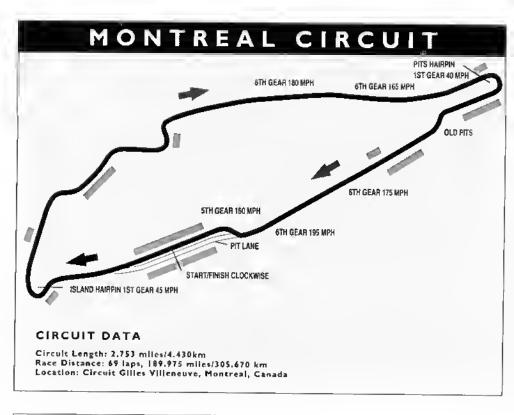
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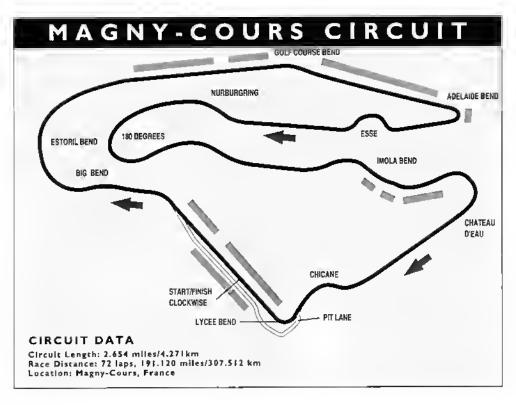
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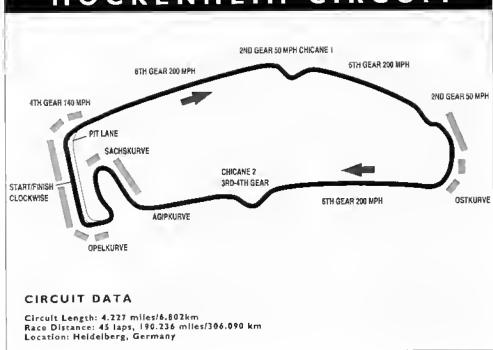


SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT CHAPEL HANGAR STRAIGHT MAGGOTTS 2ND-3RD GEAR STOWE BECKETTS 4TH GEAR **DOUBLE APEX** COPSE 3RO-4TH 100MPH THE VALE PIT LANE ABBEY PRIORY START/FINISH BRIDGE CLUB FARM STRAIGHT CLOCKWISE 3RD GEAR 5TH GEAR 185MPH BROOKLANDS WOODCOTE LUFFIELD CIRCUIT DATA Circuit Length: 3.202 miles/5.153km Race Distance: 60 laps, 192.000 miles/309.180km Location: Northamptonshire, Great Britaln

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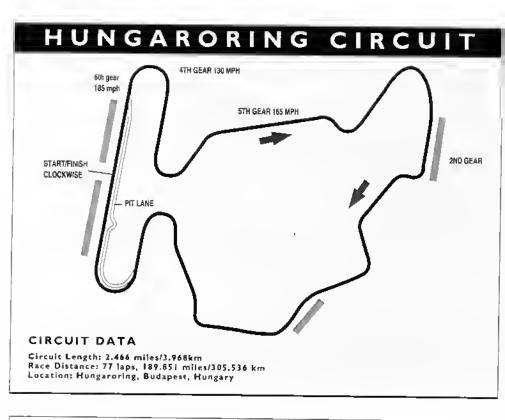
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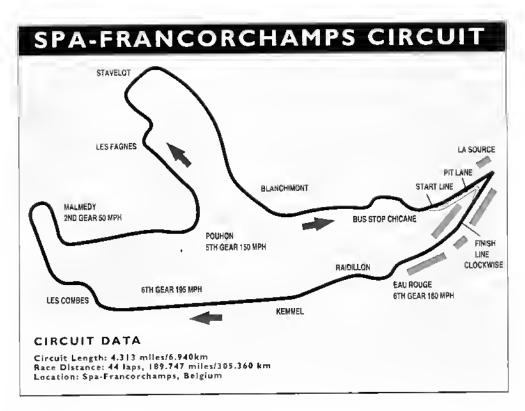
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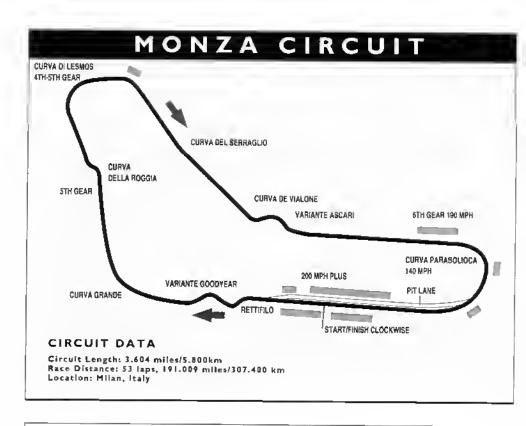
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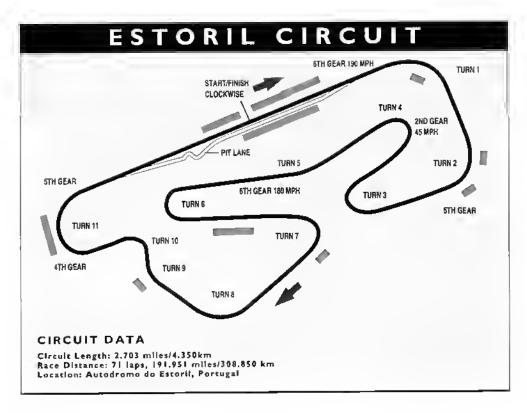
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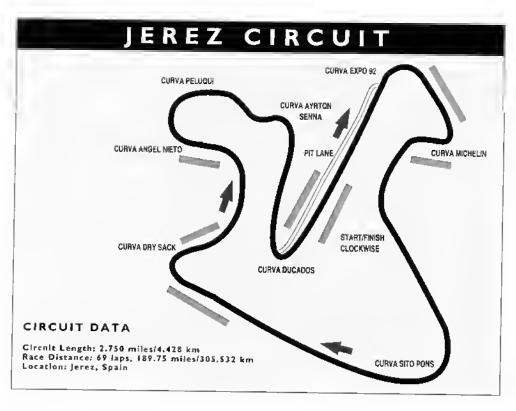
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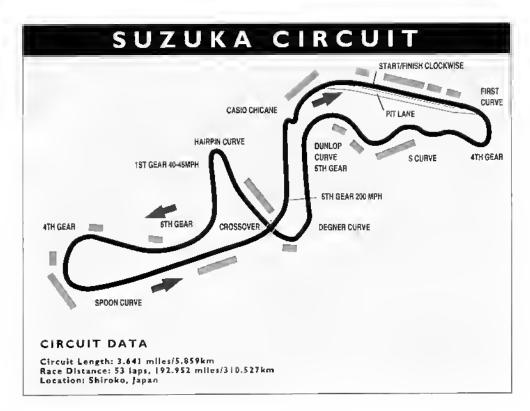
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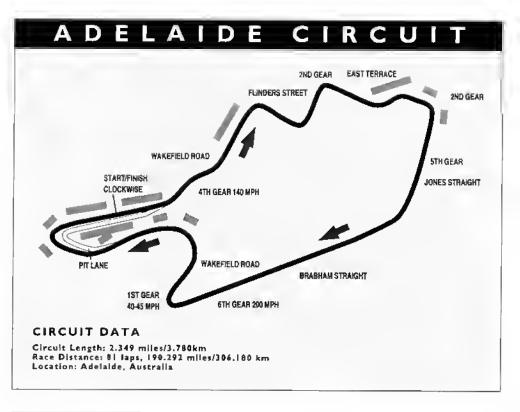
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- t. The correct name of the game
- 2. The type of computer you are running the game on and the technical specifications of your computer
- 3. Your DOS version
- How much memory is available on your computer
- 5. The exact error message reported (if any)
- 6. The version # of the game

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These notes are intended to help solve some common problems. They are necessarily technical, so if you feel uncertain of any aspect telephone your MicroProse Technical Support Line at the number listed in this supplement.

Command Line Options Using the command line options

L DOS

If you are running the game under MS-DOS you can just add these options to the program name, e.g. gp2 video:vga

2. Windows

If you are running under Windows 3.1 or Windows 95 you will need to edit the properties to add the command line text after the program name.

Options List

Below is a list of all the Command Line Options. These can be in any order and are accepted in any combination of upper and lower case.

i. Help

Displays a Help screen with a brief outline of all the Command Line Options.

(You can also use /? or /help)

ii. Video

Normally the program will search for a VESA Driver which supports Mode 101h (640*480 pixels in 256 colours palletised)

If this fails, the program will disable SVGA Mode and run the menus in VGA Mode 12h

(640*480 16 colours).

Video:vga - Disables the program's use of SVGA 640x480 mode in 256 colours. The menus will use 640x480 in 16 colours and the 3-D display will only be available in 320x200. Video:vesa - Forces the program to use 640x480 256 colours mode (the default) (If SVGA is not found, the program will not fall back to 640*480 16 colours but will exit to DOS)

iii. Nostateload

Stops the program from loading the gamestate file "flgstate.sav". This will restore all menu settings to their default. You can abbreviate this to nsl

iv. Log

The program has the facility to create a log of its actions on startup (initialisation, claiming memory etc.). This information is written to a file called gp2log.txt (or gp2log.txt under Windows 95 as .log files are not visible from the desktop). The file contains technical information which may he of help to technical support.

Log:Off - Disables the program's boot log facility.

Log:On - Enables the boutlog facility (the default).

Log:Safe - Use this if the program fails during booting. (It forces the program to open and close the file round every 'write').

v. CD

cd:<driveletter> Normally the installation will detect the drive with your CD-ROM. If you have at machine with several CD drives, you can override this and tell the program which drive to look to for its files e.g. cd:e would tell the program to look for its data on drive e (which must be n ed drive).



vi. Noenvironment

Normally, the program will search the environment strings for a string in the form of $gp2=<command\ list>$ and will process this as an extension of the command list.

This means that you can store commonly used command line options using set (this is most useful under dos). e.g. set gp2=nointro nostateload video: vga

Noenvironment - Disables this and means that the program will only respond to commands placed on the command line. You can abbreviate this to ne

vii. Nortsets

Stops the program using the rts/cts line for modem linking. If your modem doesn't support rts/cts (very unlikely unless it's a very old model) then this might get your modem to communicate.

viii. Menukeys

The menu system responds to the normal driving keys ('AZ,.' on English keyboards) as well as the Arrow keys. For international versions, the program should use the corresponding keys (position-wise) e.g. the French version would use 'QW..'. If you are using a non-standard keyboard, you can force the menus to respond to the correct key cluster by listing the 4 keys (left,right,up,down) here. For example: menukeys az,, would allow the French version of the game to respond correctly on an English keyboard.

Menukeys: LeftkeyRightkeyUpkeyDownkey

ix. Nosound

Nosound - Disables the program's use of sound - see troubleshooting (below)

x. Nointro

Nointro · Disables the short intro animation

on loading.

xi. Setmanualdetail

Normally, on loading, the program configures the graphics and frame rate for the simulation based on the speed of your machine and video card. These optimum settings are stored in the automatic section of the graphics detail menu. If you have not saved a gamestate file with any different preferences, then these settings are also copied to the 'manual' section, to form the basis of any changes you might wish to make. However, if you have created a gamestate file, then the 'manual' settings are preserved.

Setmanualdetail - Overrides this behaviour, and forces the program to reinitialise the manual settings with copies of the automatic ones, even if a gamestate file with different selections is loaded. This means that any previous settings for graphics detail are lost.

xii. Linkonmouseport

If the program detects a Serial Mouse on Communications Port 1 or 2, it will normally grey out the pair of ports that use that interrupt vector in the linkup menu. You will see that, in this case, either Ports 1&3 (using vector 0ch) or Ports 2&4 (using vector 0bh) are greyed out. This is because any attempt to link machines using that port would grab the corresponding vector and lose the use of the mouse.

Linkonmonseport · Overrides this behaviour and allows you to choose any port.

xiii. Use16550

On PCs, serial communications, whether direct link or via a modern are handled by a UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter) chip. Older machines support



a type of chip called an 8240 but most newer machines are litted with a 16550 chip, which is more reliable under WindowsTM. By default, *Grand Prix* 2 will only use the features found on the 8240 (the 16550 is backward compatible).

Use16550 - If the program finds that the communications port used for linking has a 16550 UART, then this command will tell the software to use the 16550 mode, which is more reliable. If you experience link 'stutters' under Windows then try this option.

xiv. Nomouse

Nomonse - Disable the Mouse in the Menus (the menus can still be driven using keys or joystick)

xv. Minimumram

Minimumram - The software will claim as small an amount of extra RAM as it can in order to run. This may degrade program performance slightly.

xvi. Echo

Echo - Echoes the command line typed

TROUBLE SHOOTING Symptom

- 1. The program hangs or crashes on loading
- a. Try the nosound command line option. If you have selected an incorrect sound card in the installer then attempting to initialise the eard may cause the program to fail. If the program runs with the nosound option then you should re-run the install program and select the correct sound eard.

h. If that fails, you may not have enough RAM. The program will run under DOS in 8 Mb, hut will need more under Windows or Windows 95. Try the command line

options nosaund minimumram video;vga to minimise the program memory footprint.

c. If this still fails, then try running the program under DOS rather than Windows, the software needs to take full control of the machine for maximum speed and will always run better under DOS than Windows. NB if you have a new machine with Windows 95 only installed, you may need to obtain 16 hit drivers for the CD-ROM under DOS.

2. The program loads VERY slowly.

This is mostly a Windows 95 problem. If you are running the game with your own batch file then you need to go to the Memory page of the properties sheet and set the following options for the BATCH file. The .exe should already have these or similar properties set.(NB these values are subject to change · view the Readme for final values if these don't work):

Conventional Memory 120k

NOT protected

EMS Memory None

XMS Memory None

DPMI Memory 8192

Initial Environment Auto

3. Hard Disk Swap File

If the program is unable to find all the RAM it requires, it will try to create a Buffer File on disk (ealled fltemp,tmp). This has a maximum size of 4.608.000 bytes and, if your hard disk has less than this amount free, you may find a small performance degradation or loss of the Performance Analysis feature. In fact, we recommend you leave considerably more than this free on the hard drive as other programs such as Windows may need to store data on it.



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